

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The specification, claims, and Abstract are amended by the present response to address the outstanding issues noted in the Office Action. Specifically, in the Office Action, the specification was objected to for informalities. Claims 1-10 were objected to for informalities. Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Otherwise, claims 1-10 were noted as allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants gratefully acknowledge that indication of the allowable subject matter in claims 1-10.

Addressing the above-noted objections and rejections, those objections and rejections are traversed by the present response.

The specification was objected to and claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as the term “(Jitter In)_i i” was noted as unclear.

That term used throughout the specification and claims contained an error as that term was meant to indicate a Jitter associated with a virtual link i, and thus should have been properly written as --(Jitter In)_i--. That change has now been made throughout the specification and claims.

The specification was objected to and the claims were rejected as the term “(max frame duration) i” was unclear. The “i” in that term was extraneous and has now been deleted throughout the specification and claims so that the specification and claims now merely recite --(max frame duration)--.

Claims 1 and 6 are amended so that the mathematical inequality is now written on one line, as suggested in the Office Action for better understanding.

Further, claims 1 and 6 are amended herein to more consistently refer to --the virtual link i--.

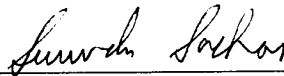
The claims were also rejected as the term "latency" was not clear. In reply applicants submit the claims are believed to be clear in that respect in that the claims recite a "max latency value is a maximum residence time in an output buffer of the at least one switch". That language has been clarified but is believed to clearly set forth the latency belongs to a property of the at least one switch.

In view of the above-discussed amendments made to the specification and claims, applicants respectfully submit each of the outstanding objections to the specification, claim objections, and rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is overcome by the present response.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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